

# Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) Council

## Draft Minutes

May 21, 2015

Telephone Conference Call originating from 321 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lucas State Office Building - Room 208  
Des Moines, Iowa

### *Mission:*

*Improve the lives of families at risk of long-term welfare dependency or family instability  
by creating opportunities for self-sufficiency.*

#### **Council Members Present:**

Zebulon Beilke–McCallum – Domestic Violence Rep. – **Chairperson** – joined 11:40

Janet Melby – Iowa State University – **Vice Chairperson**

Heidi Wicks – Workforce Dev. - joined 11:20

Michael Fleming – University of Northern Iowa

Lance Roorda –Public Health

Billie Marchik – University of Iowa.

Bill Brand – Human Rights

#### **Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Representative Marti Anderson

#### **FaDSS Staff Present:**

Tim Fitzpatrick – Human Rights

Kelly Davydov – Human Rights

Lorie Easter – Human Rights

Marcia Thompson – Human Rights

#### **Council Members Absent:**

Kelly Trave – Citizen Member

Rachel Scott – Business Representative

Tiffany Vasey – Human Services

Tom Rendon – Education – 11:30

Stephanie Stebens – Citizen Member

#### **Ex-Officio Members Absent:**

Senator Mary Jo Wilhelm

Senator Mark Costello

#### **FaDSS Staff Absent:**

Angela Madison – Human Services

#### **Others Present:**

Anthony Santiago – ISU Extension

Vickie Sible – Eastern Iowa

Kristie Davidson – MATURA

Laura Benson – Mid-Sioux Opportunity

Lisa Matthews – NEICAC

Rita Luder – Southeast Iowa

Molly Cummings – West Central

Cathie Page – FRC/YSS

Deb Sellers – ISU Extension

Lucas Sulentic – LSI

Mindy Clayton – MICA

Wendy Martinez – North Iowa

Brenda Fry – SCICAP

Alisa Schlieff – Upper Des Moines

Jeanie Running – FRC/YSS

Deborah Arringdale – YSS

#### **1. Introductions**

- Meeting was called to order at 11:05 by Jan Melby, Vice-Chairperson
- Quorum was not available

#### **2. Approval of the Agenda – Vice Chairperson**

- Agenda could not be approved because of lack of quorum

#### **3. Approval of the March 26, 2015, Council Minutes – Vice Chairperson**

- Minutes could not be approved because of lack of quorum.

#### **4. IFDA Update – Kristie Davidson**

- The IFDA Retreat will be held at the Drury Inn in the West Glen area of West Des Moines and the registration fee will be \$30.00.

- The September FaDSS Council meeting will be held in morning at the West Des Moines Drury Inn prior to the IFDA Retreat.

#### 5. **FY 16 FaDSS Funding – Lorie Easter**

- Legislature is still in session, the Senate had a \$200,000 increase for the FaDSS program, the House appropriation bill had that increase removed. It will be going to conference committee.
- When DCAA knows what the final appropriation is, and it has been signed by the Governor, it will be shared with the Council and grantees.
- Award letters will be sent to grantees and FaDSS Contracts issued.

#### 6. **Committee Updates – Outcomes Committee – Kelly Davydov**

- The Outcomes Committee is broken into 3 subgroups:
  - **Self-Sufficiency Matrix (our Outcomes Evaluation Tool)**  
Last met on 3/27. Working on revising and enhancing that tool. Explored different adaptations of the tool itself. Will be developing training manual and scoring sheets to go along with that.
  - **Data Collection Efforts**  
Last met on 3/13. The group sorted through different data points we collect in the FaDSS program and making recommendations on how to streamline those efforts, making sure we are not duplicating in various areas. An informal competitive solicitation for a new data collection system was recently released; a vendor has not been selected at this time.
  - **Assessment & Screening Component of the FaDSS Model**  
Last met on 3/26. The group reviewed and researched a variety of evidence based, family level assessment tools for possible use in the FaDSS program. Next steps will include developing a menu of approved evidence based assessment tools that grantees could use when proposing which tools they would like to use in their grant application. A draft should be available to bring to the Council and grantees in the fall on how to integrate this into the application process.

#### 7. **Staff Update**

##### **Standards Update – Bill Brand**

- DCAA is trying to streamline/align the FaDSS Standards with the standards that our grantees have to meet for other programs that they administer as well for accreditation etc. We are trying to eliminate duplication and requirements of meeting multiple standards for the same type of work.
- Discussions have been held with the agencies and we are moving ahead on the organizational standards that we have for the FaDSS program that is separate from the specific program standards that are in place. Things such as fiscal operations, human resources, strategic planning, etc. On July 1, 2015, we will be developing the new policies around that and sharing it with the grantees. Allowing more time to be spent on providing services to families in the FaDSS program.

##### **Trainings – Tim Fitzpatrick**

- Many FaDSS staff attended the Prevent Child Abuse/Family Support Conference on April 13-15, 2015
- The ICAA Conference will be held at the Airport Holiday Inn on June 2-4, 2015.
- A “FaDSS 101” Training will be done sometime this summer (orientation to new FaDSS staff)
- Lemonade for Life (a partnership between Iowa and Kansas) A response to Aces Adult Childhood Experiences Study – training will focus on giving family support workers helps to give tools & information on helping families develop resilience in dealing with some of the adult/childhood experiences & impacts & results of that. More information will be forthcoming.
- A Council orientation will be developed for the newer members of the FaDSS Council this summer as well.

#### 8. **Approval of the FY 16 FaDSS Council Schedule - Zeb Beilke-McCallum**

- 2016 FaDSS Council schedule is tentatively September 17, 2015, November 19, 2015; March 24, 2016; and May 19, 2016 with a meeting schedule in June of 2016 if needed. This will be discussed and voted on at the next Council meeting.

#### 9. **Other Business – Tim Fitzpatrick**

- We are entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of our 3 year contract cycle. Next year it will be necessary for the Council to re-write the application and for the Grantees to complete a new application. A grant review committee will be established to help rewrite the application and then to review the submitted

applications. The actions from the Outcomes Committee related to the assessment and screening component will be a big part of this new application.

- Current members of the grant review committee are Billie Marchik, Stephanie Stebens, Zeb Beilke-McCallum and Jan Melby.
- Grantees will also have input into the development of the new application and bring it back to the committee and Council for their review.
- Jan Melby introduced Deb Sellers and Anthony Santiago from ISU; Deb and Anthony provide a link to ISU Extension. Deb is an associate dean in the College of Human Sciences and director of human science extension and outreach. Anthony is a member of human sciences extension and the outreach management team.
- Zeb reiterated the importance of attending all meetings.

#### **10. Adjournment**

- The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 17, 2015 at the Drury Inn at West Glen in West Des Moines.
- The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Thompson